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SUBJECT: SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR ROBERT STRAUSS

1. SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARING HELD AT 9:00 AM TODAY FOR

AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE ROBERT STRAUSS. TWO HOUR SESSION
BEFORE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHARACTERIZED AS CONGENIAL,
AS THE STR NOMINEE HEARD QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS RANGING
FROM FOOTWEAR TO GATT REFORM.

2. INTRODUCED BY SEN. BENSTEN (D., TEX.), WHO MADE
REFERENCE TO PARTY REBUILDING LEADERSHIP DEMONSTRATED BY
MR. STRAUSS IN HIS ROLE AT DNC, THE STR NOMINEE WAS SAID
TO BE SUITED FOR HIS NEW ROLE AS TRADE NEGOTIATOR IN VIEW
OF HIS GREAT ABILITY TO HANDLE WIDELY DIFFERING VIEWS.

3. SENATOR LONG SPOKE AT LENGTH ON THE CABINET-LEVEL STATUS
OF THE STR JOB AND NOTED THAT THE POWERS MANDATED TO THAT
OFFICE BY THE TRADE ACT ARE FOR STR, ALONE.

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4. ROBERT STRAUSS SPOKE FORCEFULLY TO THE COMMITTEE,
ASSURING THEM THAT HE CAN FILL THE JOB. HE SAID HE
RECOGNIZED HIS RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO CONGRESS
AND EXPECTED GOOD BIPARTISAN RELATIONS WITH THEM. THE
AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE FURTHER STATED THAT WE MUST GET THE

MTN MOVING, NOTING THE LONG TERM ASPECTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. SPEAKING DIRECTLY TO HIS LACK OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE BACKGROUND, MR. STRAUSS SAID THAT ONE OF HIS STRENGTHS IS MAINTAINING SKILLED PEOPLE ON HIS STAFF FOR GUIDANCE AND HE PLANS TO HAVE ONLY A RATED DUPUTIES.

6. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS CONCLUDED WITH ACCEPTANCE OF MOTION BY SEN. BENSTEN TO RECOMMEND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE STRAUSS' CONFIRMATION FULL SENATE. VANCE

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